

In the Specification:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b) and the revised amendment practice effective July 30, 2003, please amend the specification in the application as indicated below.

Please replace paragraph [009] with the following:

[009] FIG. 2 is a schematic view of a breakout harness with a module according to the present invention.

Please add a paragraph between paragraphs [011] and [012], as follows:

[011.1] FIG. 5 is a schematic view of a breakout harness without a module according to the present invention.

Please replace paragraph [016] with the following:

[016] Using the modules of the present inventions, interconnection of assemblies are deployable in a network, for example, a LAN. Multiple spans of assemblies can be interconnected. Fiber flips in the trunk assembly just prior to one end of the MTP connector, for polarity correction, is not necessary resulting in a complexity/cost reduction. Finally, a universal wired harness in a module eliminates the need for two different types of breakout modules in the network. The system consists of one or more MTP or MPO trunk assemblies and one (universal) type of breakout harness either loaded in a module (see FIGS. 2-4) or by itself (see FIG. 5). For example, two MPO connectors mate via an MPO adapter with the key of each MPO in the same relative position, i.e., keys up or keys down. FIGS. 3 and 4 illustrate exemplary systems **80, 90** respectively, employing modules **60** according to the present invention. Each system **80, 90** comprises MTP or MPO connectors **40** with associated adapters **41**, and optical

fiber ribbons **20**. All MPO connectors **40** and dual fiber connectors at stations **50** are mated with keys **41a** in the same position, i.e., all keys **41a** up or all keys **41a** down. In systems **80, 90**, the polarity is not reversed, fibers one through twelve are not flipped between the modules. In other words, the optical paths are not flipped at the adapters or other position between the modules. For example, the optical path remains with its color, blue stays with blue (1-1), orange with orange (2-2), green with green (3-3), and so on, from one module to another including the connectors **40** externally of the modules **60**.